

Togus Pond Association Board Meeting
January 16, 2007, 6 p.m.
Home of Betty and Dick Harvey

In attendance: President Pat Williams, Vice President Dennis Curtis, Treasurer Betty Harvey, Secretary Lea Davis; Board Members Jane Coryell, Dick Harvey; Dam Chair John Andrews, Membership Chair Sarah Fagg and By-Laws Chair Sandra Mason. Absent, Board Members Lyndon Abbott, Paul Connolly, John Nichols and Joe McVety.

Pat reported that he'd received a letter of response, dated January 11, 2007, from Attorney Warren E. Winslow Jr. regarding whether or not warning signs should be installed at the dam, as well as the possibility that the Association's right of way to the dam might be lost in the event of a sale of the property it crosses. Attorney Winslow advised that we, as dam owners, should put up No Trespassing signs. He also wrote that he finds no evidence in the deeds in question that the Association's rights of way would be extinguished by the sale of adjacent property. The board discussed signage, questioning whether or not a danger warning should be posted at the dam in lieu of a No Trespassing sign. A motion was made by Jane, seconded by John and carried that No Trespassing signs should be posted, unless another call to the attorney by Pat should produce better wording.

It came to light while discussing the deeds of properties owned by the Association that a deed is still on the books stating that the Association owns property on Bolton Hill Road. Dick will check this at the Registrar of Deeds office.

Pat reported that Governmental Affairs Chair John Pucciarelli will meet with Road Association representatives on Tuesday, January 23, to discuss plans for approaching the city with mutual concerns.

Communicating better with the membership was discussed. Dennis has been working with Sarah to set up a better system of keeping track of memberships. He suggested the Association get its own website, where news could be posted. Getting a domain name (worumontogus.org is available) would cost about \$6 to \$10 a month, he estimated. Another option would be to hook up with the Coalition Of Lake Associations' (COLA)'s website. Dennis will look into this matter further.

A meeting of the membership was scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2007, to begin at 5:30 with a social time, followed by supper at 6 and a meeting at 6:30, at Fox Glen Clubhouse. Possible speakers considered to address members included Mayor Katz, Rep. Kim Silsby and the director of COLA. Sara will compose a newsletter with the information, along with a membership form and information about survival skills in a cold climate.

The floor was turned over to Sandra Mason, who wished input from the Board regarding bylaw changes that her committee is considering. It was agreed that back in 1931, when the Association was incorporated, it was a social organization. At this point, the association is involved with water quality and other environmental issues, as well as social interaction, and is concerned with conservation, education, governmental affairs and funding. Everyone agreed that the bylaws should reflect the Association's current status. The bylaws committee will present its first draft to the members on February 13th for input before finalization and voting upon at two subsequent membership meetings.

Regarding the status of the board of directors, it was determined that board members should serve two-year terms, with no term limits. Also, that the membership meetings should be held at least four times a year: suggested meetings were October for the annual meeting and elections, December for a brief meeting and social holiday event, February and July or August to include summer residents. Additional meetings could be called if so desired, flexibility being key. Dues would be requested each October for the upcoming year. An Audit Committee would be added to the Association's committees, to insure a vehicle of checks and balances.

The Treasurer reported a current total balance of all accounts at \$33,893.24.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lea Davis, Secretary